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H 3197 General Bill, By Erickson, G.M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Martin, W. Newton, Grant, Robbins, Vaughan, Alexander, Govan, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Kirby, Gilliard, Rivers, Waters and M.M. Smith

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE WORKFORCE READINESS GOAL; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIATION IN COURSES IN LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEEKING POST-SECONDARY STUDIES BUT LACKING REQUISITE ACADEMIC PREPARATION, TO PROVIDE THIS COURSEWORK MAY BE USED TO MEET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID BEFORE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-35, RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM EVALUATIONS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REPORT CARD, SO AS TO TRANSFER PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING THESE EVALUATIONS AND PRODUCING THIS REPORT CARD TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE FREE ONLINE ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF COLLEGE MAJORS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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01/26/26		**Scrivener's error corrected**
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02/05/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Alexander**
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03/31/26		**Scrivener's error corrected**
03/31/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan, Hartnett**
03/31/26	**House**	**Requests for debate-Rep(s). Frank, Pace, Magnuson, Harris, Edgerton, White, Kilmartin, Cromer, Gilreath, Terribile,Beach (House Journal-page 287)**
04/01/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson-Myers**
04/02/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kirby**
04/21/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Rivers, Waters**
04/23/26	**House**	**Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 159)**
04/29/26	**House**	**Debate adjourned**
04/30/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith**
05/07/26	**House**	**Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 40)**
05/13/26	**House**	**Recommitted to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 181)**